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number of issues discussed by commission that do not fall under the MSA and are not included in the MSA. They are as follows:

I goals of Marine Protected Areas;

recover derelict fishing gear;

Nor/U.S. Fish & Wildlife cooperator Species Act (ESA) issues;

aquaculture;

authorization discussed here represents the administration's recommendations on fisheries management. The bill ultimately be debated and passed. I encourage you to become involved and make your thoughts known to your member of Congress.

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Priority of National Standards of MSA

and management measures shall:

fish while achieving optimum yield;

upon the best scientific information available;

individual stocks as a unit throughout their range, to the extent feasible; interrelated stocks shall be managed as a unit or in groups;

distribute between residents of different states; any allocations must be fair and equitable;

practicable, promote efficiency, except that no such mea-

cconomic allocation as its sole purpose;

account and allow for variations among and contingencies in resources and catches;

costs and avoid duplications, where practicable;

account the importance of fishery resources to fishing provide for the sustained participation of, and minimize adverse effects to, such communities (consistent with conservation

by-catch or mortality from by-catch); and

safety of human life at sea.

Marine Debris Clean-Ups of Big Island's South Point To Begin in November

In the next several months, the Big Island's southern Waiohinu/Ka Lae Coast will undergo a facelift with the help of marine debris cleanups scheduled to begin on Saturday, November 19. The clean-ups will be led by the Hawaii Wildlife Fund, an environmental not-for-profit organization known for its work in research, conservation and education about Hawaii's native wildlife. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Marine Debris program within the National Ocean Service's Office of Response and Restoration has dedicated funding for this project, and support will be provided by NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program and Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Clean-ups will be held on Saturday, November 19, December 17 and January 21 and for two days during President's Day weekend, February 18 and 19.

Bill Gilmerin, president of Hawaii Wildlife Fund said, "With this NOAA funding, we plan to conduct a full cleaning of the coastline, educate the community about the problem [of marine debris] and organize a consortium of interested community groups and individuals to begin a regular clean-up schedule."

Regular marine debris clean-ups are greatly needed on this coastline. In the last large-scale clean-up of this coast in 2003, more than 50 tons of debris were removed



from 2 miles of shoreline. The two-day cleanup was organized by the Hawaii Wildlife Fund and brought together more than 150 volunteers from the community, local businesses, various state and county agencies, not-for-profit organizations and schools.

Fishing nets, tires, bottles and many other forms of marine debris accumulate on this remote coastline. Carried there by oceanic currents, marine debris litters the coastline and poses a danger to marine species in the area. However, with each clean-up tackling a different section of the coastline over the next four to six months, the Waiohinu/Ka Lae Coast will soon be cleaner and safer for everyone.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and help in this clean-up effort. If you are interested in volunteering, call project coordinator Linda Schubert on the Big Island at (808) 756-1808. Shuttles will be provided from Waimea Park at 8 a.m. Please call ahead for a seat. Any participants who are able to shuttle people are also asked for their kokua hats, sturdy footwear, sunscreen and a bag lunch are strongly recommended. Organizers will provide transportation, water, refreshments, shade, toilets and gloves.

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